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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AEGEAN DISPUTE: MESSAGE
FROM CARAMANLIS

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS,
JOHN TZOUNIS CALLED ME ABOUT THE
STATUS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF THE
AEGEAN DISPUTE RESOLUTION. HE SAID THAT CARAMANLIS HAD
BEEN INFORMED LAST NIGHT THAT "THE FOUR -- U.S., UK,
FRANCE AND ITALY" HAD REACHED AGREEMENT IN NEW YORK
YESTERDAY TO SUBMIT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE SECURITY
COUNCIL. HE SAID THAT CARAMANLIS CONSIDERED THE CONTENT
OF THE RESOLUTION, AS IT HAD BEEN REPORTED TO HIM, TO
BE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. INDEED, CARAMANLIS HAD BEEN
ENCOURAGED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON THE
DRAFT OF THE RESOLUTION AND THAT THE U.S. WAS
SUPPORTING IT.

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2. HOWEVER, CARAMANLIS WAS INFORMED LATE LAST NIGHT

THAT THE TEXT WAS STILL NOT ACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY AND, SPECIFICALLY, THE TURKS WANTED THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE TAKEN OUT OF AN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH AND PLACED IN THE PREAMBLE. (COMMENT: I DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AND AM NOT SURE WHETHER TZOUNIS' COMMENTS ON THIS OR THE STATUS OF THE CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK ARE CORRECT OR NOT.) IN ANY CASE, TZOUNIS SAID CARAMANLIS HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD PROPOSED POSTPONING SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION UNTIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND "THE FOUR" WERE NOW HESITATING TO PROCEED AND INTRODUCE THE RESOLUTION.

3. TZOUNIS SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY THE "REQUEST" OF CARAMANLIS TO THE USG THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVES PRESS AHEAD FIRMLY TODAY (TUESDAY) FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. CARAMANLIS HAD SAID THAT THE "MOMENT OF TRUTH" HAD ARRIVED AND THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES COULD NOT MAKE ANY FURTHER CONCESSIONS. CARAMANLIS HAD ADDED THAT HIS APPROACH TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM MUST BE SUCCESSFUL -- BECAUSE IF THE "DOOR TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT" WAS CLOSED THE ALTERNATIVE WAS VERY GRIM TO CONTEMPLATE INDEED.

4. I TOLD TZOUNIS THAT I WAS NOT COMPLETELY INFORMED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE MATTER BUT WOULD OF COURSE IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. KUBISCH

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